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WATCH THE COLONEL.

Chagrined and discomfited by the knowledge that his speeches throughout the country have failed to make a pleasing impression upon his constituents, Justice Hughes has sent Col. Theodore Roosevelt the S. O. S. signal, and the Colonel, who is never happier than when making a speech, has replied that he will be "delighted" to respond to the call.

Unless we are sadly lacking in perspicacity, however, Justice Hughes has made a serious mistake in calling upon Roosevelt to help him out of his dilemma; for while the Colonel is ostensibly supporting the Republican nominee, it is believed by many that he does not really desire to see him elected, and if this surmise is correct it is probable that he will so frame his speeches that they will hinder rather than help the man in whose behalf they purport to be delivered.

It is a well known fact that Colonel Roosevelt did not want the Republicans to nominate Justice Hughes at their Chicago convention. He coveted that honor for himself, and after finding that it was impossible to secure the nomination, endeavored to induce the party to name Senator Lodge as their standard bearer. Falling in this, he finally agreed to support Hughes, but this support has never been sincere or whole-hearted, and, if statements made by astute political dopesters count for anything, he now hopes that Hughes will be defeated.

According to these dopesters, the Colonel has figured out that if Hughes is defeated next November the Republicans will turn to him in 1920, and, believing that he is the only Moses who can lead them out of the political slough of despond, will place him at the head of their ticket. This, of course, is only a surmise, but it will be remembered that the Colonel pursued a course somewhat similar in 1908, when he forced the nomination of Taft. He knew that Taft was not fitted by temperament to make an acceptable President and thought the Republicans would be glad to nominate him in 1912. This plan, however, miscarried, and how that scheme which the conniving Colonel is said to now have in his head will work out only developments of the future can determine.

THANKS, GENTLEMEN.

Mr. W. H. Hurt, who for more than a year past has been employed as foreman and linotype operator in the Commercial office, was taken suddenly ill last Saturday, and had it not been for timely assistance on the part of newspaper men from other local offices it would doubtless have proven impossible to get out the regular Sunday issue. However, Messrs. Thomas Keith and J. P. Keith, of the Advertiser, and L. M. Crowe, C. H. Brown, Jr., and A. H. Stookey of the Dispatch, got busy on the job, and enabled us to get out the paper on time. They helped us out of what threatened to be a hopeless predicament, and we desire to give public testimony to our appreciation of their assistance.

We regret to state that Mr. Hurt's condition is so serious that his physician has advised him to rest for an indefinite period, and it was therefore necessary for him to sever his connection with this office. We have, however, secured the services of an experienced linotype operator, Mr. H. D. Pierce, and anticipate no further trouble in the future.

TO BE TAKEN WITH SALT.

Newspaper reporters are certainly resourceful when it comes to getting up sensational yarns, and a talented scribe in Birmingham has succeeded in evolving a romantic story with a hen as its central figure. The "hen" is not even one of the kind described by Rudyard Kipling as "the female of the species," but just a regular

chicken, with feathers, yellow legs and all the other characteristics of the fowl family. This hen, which belonged to a prominent citizen of the Magic City, was recently found impaled on the fence which surrounds the home of its owner, the sharp prong of a paling being firmly imbedded in her neck, and the imaginative reporter who wrote up the story has the audacity to declare that Madame Hen was the victim of unrequited love, having hanged herself because a rooster which she adored failed to return her affection.

Had this story been published in the spring, when all hearts are supposed to be overflowing with love, we might have given the scribe the benefit of the doubt and accepted it as true; but coming as it does in the fall, when men are thinking about politics and winter provender, and chickens are supposed to be devising schemes to dodge the Thanksgiving axe, we hope we may be pardoned for stating that as soon as we read the yarn we called for the salt-shaker.

A CITY OF CULTURE.

In a recent editorial the Memphis Commercial-Appeal takes issue with the Nashville Banner in its contention that Nashville is above the average Southern city in culture and intelligence. The editorial in the Banner was called forth by the fact that when Justice Hughes visited the Tennessee capital last week he was heckled and harassed by the audience which assembled to the Regman auditorium to hear his address. The Banner lamented this fact, and in its editorial stressed the fact that such conduct was exceedingly unbecoming in an aristocratic city like Nashville.

In reply to the Banner's editorial the Commercial-Appeal takes the position that there is no more culture or refinement in the Tennessee capital than in Memphis or any other Southern city of the same comparative size, but we do not consider this position tenable. Of course Nashville, like all large cities, has both patricians and proletarians, but we think it is universally conceded that the number of aristocrats there is well above the average.

Nashville is generally known as "The Athens of the South," and any one who has had the privilege of visiting the city and mingling with its cultured, courteous and exceedingly hospitable citizens realizes that it is in every way entitled to this distinction.

When Carl Graves of Jones County enters the Mississippi A. & M. College this year, he will begin to reap the benefits of the corn club prize which he won in 1913 with a yield of 202 bushels of corn to the acre. This prize, which will probably prove to be the greatest single power in shaping the course of the Jones County Club boy's life, is a scholarship in the State A. & M. College given by the State Bankers Association. C. A. Cobb, assistant State agent, in charge of boys' club work, who has kept in close touch with this prize winner, reports that Carl graduated from the Jones County Agricultural High School this spring and will be well prepared to take up the college course.

The speech which President Wilson delivered before the equal suffrage convention at Atlantic City last week has taken some more ammunition from the Republican camp. Suffrage was practically the only issue of the pending campaign, and now President Wilson declares that he's perfectly willing for the ladies to vote, but thinks they should be given that privilege by the different states, and not through federal legislation.

According to a recent press dispatch, a process whereby newspaper can be made from skimmed milk has been discovered. It is to be sincerely hoped that the statement is true and that the discovery will stop manufacturers of paper from "milking" the publishers.

Germany has equipped Zeppelins for the purpose of sending her mails through the air and this will furnish an appropriate means of transmission for the "hot air" messages which the country is sending out regarding her alleged victories on the field of battle.

A Birmingham horticulturist informs a newspaper reporter in that city that he has had splendid luck with his tube-roses this year. Glad to hear that somebody has escaped the hoodoo which seems to be hovering over the Magic City.

The advent of an early fall holds no terror for Lowndes county farmers this year, as only a few days will be required to pick all of the cotton in their fields.

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WILL START WORK ON THE CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION

"The actual work of building Mississippi's Centennial Exposition, the million dollar celebration of a century since admission to statehood, begins this week. Preliminaries have been practically completed and the active work of construction will be commenced and pushed with vigor until finished.

"The board of architects, together with the landscape artists, are on the ground perfecting the general layout, arranging buildings, elevations, etc. Within a short time plans and specifications for the eight principal buildings will be ready for bidders and the sound of the saw, hammer and trowel will make music until the doors are thrown open.

"Funds provided as a nucleus for the enterprise by the State of Mississippi, county of Harrison and city of Gulfport, have been turned over to the commission, the land has been purchased and practically all of the transfers made. The sum in hand totals \$375,000 to which will be added other amounts from time to time as secured.

"To correct some erroneous statements being circulated, I desire to acquaint the public with the fact that two of the appropriations already made are for specific purposes and will be handled by the commission in strict accordance with the intentions of the authorities from whence they came.

"The city of Gulfport authorized \$235,000 for the purpose of purchasing land and improving as a public park. The sum paid for land, approximately \$80,000, together with the \$40,000 that will be used in landscaping and beautifying it, comes from this fund and not from the State appropriation, as has been incorrectly stated.

"The title and management of this park will be vested in the park board of the city of Gulfport, but will be turned over to the commission for holding of the Centennial and regular fairs at other times. It is an investment on the part of the city of Gulfport for the benefit of the Gulf coast and the State as well.

"The State appropriation of \$125,000 is specifically for the purpose of erecting two buildings of a permanent nature and beautifying the ground upon which they stand. It is not available for buying land, paying salaries and other purposes as has been stated. Even the land upon which the State buildings are to be located must be deeded to the State in fee simple before the fund for their construction is available.

"The park will be permanent, at least eight of the main buildings will be permanent with permanent exhibits installed therein. Mid-winter expositions in February and March of each year will be held and other features promoted whereby the investment can be realized upon.

"The general plan is to build a permanent and comprehensive exposition of Mississippi's possibilities and accomplishments where the opportunity will be afforded half a million visitors from the North and East during the first three months of each year to see and become convinced that our State ranks alongside the best in the Union.

"H. E. BLAKESLEE,
"Director General."

Saw Mill Burns.

A saw mill belonging to Messrs. C. B. Caine and J. O. Caine, and located about thirteen miles northeast of Columbus, was destroyed by fire Monday night. The loss is estimated at several thousand dollars.

Mr. B. M. Townes, of Martinsville, Va., who has been visiting Mr. L. G. Bridgeforth, at Crawford, returned home yesterday. Mr. Townes is general manager of the estate of the late Mr. W. H. Hairston, who recently died at Martinsville. Both Mr. Bridgeforth and Mr. Townes spent Tuesday in Columbus.

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The Charter of Incorporation of Mayfield Drug Company.

1. The corporate title of said company is Mayfield Drug Company.
2. The names of the incorporators are:
L. E. Mayfield, postoffice Columbus, Mississippi; C. R. Halley, postoffice, Columbus, Mississippi.
3. The domicile is at Columbus, Mississippi.
4. Amount of capital stock \$10,000.00.
5. The par value of shares is \$100.00.
6. The period of existence (not to exceed fifty years) is 50 years.
7. The purpose for which it is created: To conduct a Wholesale and Retail Drug Business.
8. The right and powers that may be exercised by this corporation are those conferred by the provisions of Chapter 24, Mississippi Code, 1906.

L. E. MAYFIELD,
C. R. HALLEY,
Incorporators.

Acknowledgement. STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, County of Lowndes.

This day personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, L. E. Mayfield and C. R. Halley, incorporators of the corporation known as the Mayfield Drug Company, who acknowledged that they signed and executed the above and foregoing articles of incorporation as their act and deed on this the 26 day of August, 1916.

PARKER REEVES,
Notary Public.

Notice. STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, County of Lowndes, City of Columbus.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment rolls for 1916 and 1917, of the City of Columbus, has been completed and is now on file in the Mayor's office, that the same together with the revisions, corrections and changes made by the Mayor and City Council at its meeting on the first Tuesday in September will remain in the Mayor's office, subject to inspection; that any objection to the assessments, or any changes or modification made by the Mayor and City Council may be filed in writing with the Mayor on or before the first Tuesday of October following; and that the Mayor and City Council will proceed on the first Tuesday of October to hear such objections and finally to examine the assessment rolls and equalize assessments.

E. S. DONNELL,
Marshal and Tax Collector.
Aug. 29, 1916.

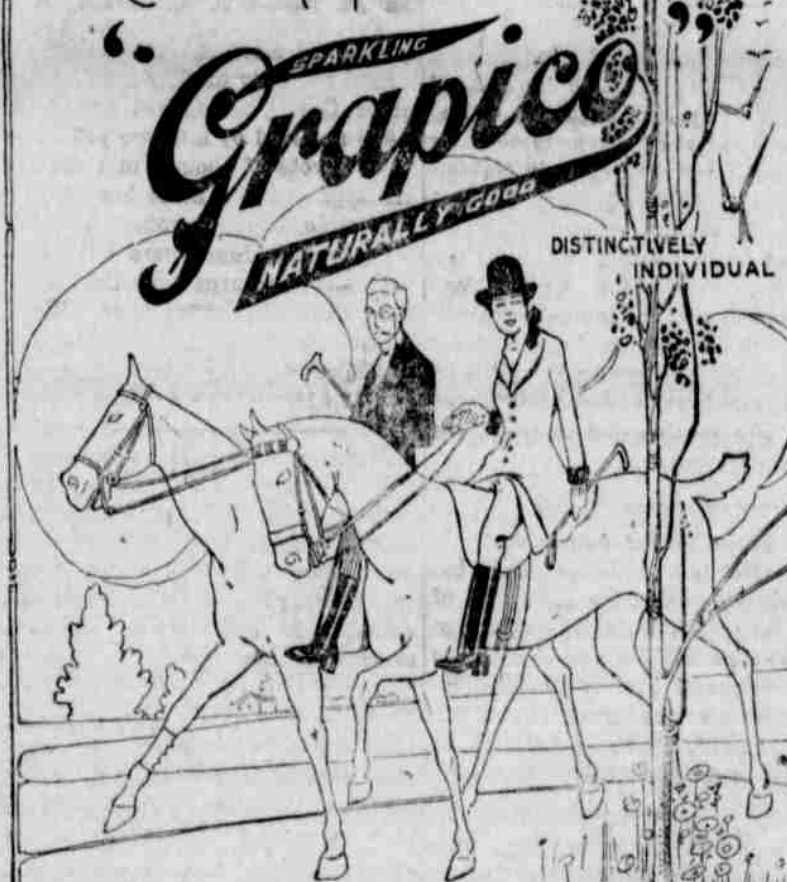
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